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FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF GOT DECREE ON
RESUMPTION OF OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION, SIGNED BY PRESIDENT
AND CABINET, WHICH APPEARED IN JULY 1 OFFICIAL GAZETTE:

BEGIN QUOTE

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS DECIDED ON JULY 1, 1974 TO
PUT INTO EFFECT THE FOLLOWING DECREE ON THE "DECISION ON THE
ISSUANCE OF PERMISSION FOR THE CULTIVATION OF THE OPIUM POPPY
IN SEVEN PROVINCES DURING THE 1974-1975 SEASON," UPON THE
RECOMMENDATION OF THE MINISTRIES OF COMMERCE AND FOOD-
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AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 1 OF

LAW NO. 1470.

DECREE NO. 7/8522, DATED JULY 1, 1974

DECISION ON THE ISSUANCE OF PERMISSION FOR THE CULTIVATION
OF THE OPIUM POPPY IN SEVEN PROVINCES DURING THE
1974-1975 SEASON

ARTICLE 1 - PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED FOR OPIUM POPPY
CULTIVATION AND THE PRODUCTION OF RAW OPIUM DURING THE 1974-1975
SEASON IN THE PROVINCES OF AFYON, BURDUR, DENIZLI, ISPARTA,
KUTAHYA AND USAK, AND IN THE DISTRICTS OF AKSEHIR, BEYSEHIR,
DOGANHISAR AND ILGIN IN KONYA PROVINCE, IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE
LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE FARMERS WHOSE LIVELIHOOD DEPENDS ON THIS
CULTIVATION AND TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF RAW MATERIAL FOR
PHARMACEUTICALS.

ARTICLE 2 - THE SOIL PRODUCTS OFFICE (TMO) SHALL ISSUE LICENSES
PERMITTING CULTIVATION TO THE OPIUM POPPY FARMERS AND RAW OPIUM
PRODUCERS OF THE PROVINCES AND DISTRICTS LISTED IN ARTICLE 1 IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF LAW NO. 1470 AND THE REGULATION
ON THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS LAW.

ARTICLE 3 - THE FARMERS WHO HAVE BEEN ISSUED LICENSES PERMITTING
CULTIVATION ARE OBLIGATED TO COMPLY FULLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE
LAW AND THE REGULATION IN QUESTION ON OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION
AND RAW OPIUM PRODUCTION. THE PENAL PROVISIONS OF LAW NO. 1470
AND OTHER RELATED LAWS SHALL BE ENFORCED AGAINST THE FARMERS WHO
DO NOT COMPLY WITH THESE PROVISIONS AND THE LICENSES PERMITTING
CULTIVATION ISSUED TO THEM SHALL BE CANCELLED.

ARTICLE 4 - PRIORITY IN ISSUING LICENSES PERMITTING OPIUM POPPY
CULTIVATION AND RAW OPIUM PRODUCTION SHALL BE GIVEN FOR THE LANDS
TRADITIONALLY SET ASIDE FOR SUCH FARMING AND PRODUCTION, AND ALSO
TO THE FARMERS WHO DEPEND FOR THEIR INCOME SOLELY ON THIS ACTIVITY.
EACH FARMER SHALL BE ISSUED A CULTIVATION LICENSE FOR A MAXIMUM OF
5 DECARES.

ARTICLE 5 - THE SOIL PRODUCTS OFFICE IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE
ADVANCE PAYMENTS TO THE OPIUM POPPY FARMERS AND RAW OPIUM
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PRODUCERS IN CASES OF NECESSITY AND WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THEIR
NEEDS.

ARTICLE 6 - OPIUM POPPY FARMERS AND RAW OPIUM PRODUCTION ARE
BANNED IN THE PROVINCES AND DISTRICTS OUTSIDE OF THOSE LISTED IN
ARTICLE 1. OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION SHALL BE CONTROLLED WITH THE
COOPERATION OF THE MINISTRIES OF INTERIOR AND FOOD-AGRICULTURE
AND LIVESTOCK BY USING ALL AVAILABLE MEANS. ADDITIONAL MEASURES

SHALL BE TAKEN RAPIDLY TO ASSIST THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR IN ITS
EFFORTS TO IMPOSE A MORE EFFECTIVE CONTROL FOR THE PREVENTION
OF NARCOTIC DRUGS SMUGGLING.

ARTICLE 7 - PARAGRAPH 2 OF ARTICLE 2 OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
DECREE NO. 7/2652 OF JUNE 29, 1971 CONCERNING THE TOTAL BAN
OF OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION AND RAW OPIUM PRODUCTION IN TURKEY
IS HEREBY REPEALED.

ARTICLE 8 - THIS DECREE TAKES EFFECT ON THE DATE OF ITS
PUBLICATION.

ARTICLE 9 - THIS DECREE WILL BE ENFORCED BY THE MINISTRIES OF
INTERIOR, COMMERCE, AND FOOD-AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK.
END QUOTE
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